

SEVEN KILLED IN BAD WRECK AT VERGENNES

One Other Probably Fatally Injured and a Score More Received Injuries When Freight Crashed Into Passenger Train.

ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT VERGENNES

Passenger Cars Caught Fire After Being Dumped Into Ditch, and Thus Terror of Fire Was Added To Wreck.

Vergennes, Dec. 1.—In a rear-end collision on the Rutland railroad between a freight and a passenger train this forenoon at nine o'clock, seven persons were killed, one other was probably fatally injured and twenty received injuries of more or less serious nature.

The known dead are:
Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, Bristol, Vt.
Miss Corinne Stowe, Bristol, Vt.
Mrs. Nellie Barnard, Bristol, Vt.
Rosetta Faulkes, New York city.
The fatally injured:
Richard H. Brooks, New York city.
Three others are missing.

A northbound passenger train, composed of two passenger cars and several freight cars, was standing at the Vergennes station, when the freight train came up behind and crashed into the passenger cars in the rear. Both cars, one of which was a combination smoker and baggage car, were thrown from the iron and tipped down into a ditch, where they caught fire, adding to the horror of the wreck. As fast as possible the bodies of the victims were removed from the cars, and the injured were taken to places of safety. The cars were entirely consumed. It is not yet known if all the bodies were taken from the debris before it was burned up.

Among the passengers were the Geary opera troupe, which played in Middlebury last night and which was scheduled to appear in Burlington tonight. Many of the injured were members of this company. Mrs. Faulkes, who died after being taken from the wreck, and Mr. Brooks, who is perhaps fatally injured, were of this company. A special train was made up and the injured were hurried to the district attorney's office in Burlington to be placed in the Mary Fletcher hospital.

The crew of the freight train escaped death by jumping from their engine just before the crash with the rear end of the standing passenger train. The freight was loaded with gravel.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Gillette Stood to His Story Pretty Well.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The trial of Chester Gillette for the alleged murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, practically came to a close yesterday so far as the taking of evidence is concerned.

There were no really striking features of interest in the case outside of those furnished by the defendant's own testimony. Gillette went through the ordeal of cross-examination without wavering in his testimony as to the actual death scene on Big Moose lake. He apparently lay had made up his mind to take his time in answering the district attorney's questions. Gillette withstood the searching cross-examination at the hands of the district attorney astoundingly well. He sat with legs crossed and coolly responded to his questions, even if they were nothing more definite than "I can't say," which proved his favorite expression.

BLACKMAILERS SENTENCED.

One Sent to Prison Over to House of Correction.

Boston, Dec. 1.—For impersonating agents of the Watch and Ward society and attempting to extort money from Ainsworth Mansion, a business man, on the strength of blackmailing threats, Charles O. Woodman was sentenced yesterday in the superior criminal court to a term of five to seven years in the state prison, and Harry A. Madden was given a sentence of three years in the house of correction.

Woodman and Madden made frequent demands on Mr. Madden for money and threatened to expose him for an alleged indiscretion. They finally became so tormenting that he appealed to the police and their arrest followed.

A JOINT INDICTMENT.

Abraham Ruef and Chief Dinan Charged with Protecting Law Breakers.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Abraham Ruef and Chief of Police Jeremiah Dinan were jointly indicted by the grand jury yesterday on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the alleged protection of a house of ill fame. Chief Dinan was also separately indicted on a charge of perjury in the testimony before the jury. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000 in each case.

COOL ROBBER ENDS LIFE

Shot Himself When He Failed For First Time

AT BENDENA, KAN. BANK

Entered, Ordered Two Men to Throw Up Hands and Then Shot Himself When One of Captives Slipped Out Back Door.

Bendena, Kan., Dec. 1.—Because he had failed for the first time in his career, Jesse L. Harris, one of the most daring bank robbers of the west, committed suicide yesterday in the bank of Bendena. Harris had entered the bank and compelled the president and cashier to take him into the vault. But the cashier then fled through a back door, and Harris, finding himself caught in his own trap, shot himself. The officials of the bank were W. A. Gilpin and Theodore Sells. When the robber entered the bank he ordered them to throw up their hands. They did so. He then told them to pull down the curtains. Sells went behind the counter ostensibly to obey the command and slipped through the back door. The robber fired on Sells as he went through the door but missing. After storming at Gilpin a moment he calmly aimed at himself and fired.

ASSAULTED BY ROBBER.

West Point Operator Beaten and Thrown Upon Railroad Track.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Clyde Eyster of Watertown, Pa., night operator at the West Shore railroad station here, was brutally assaulted early yesterday by a man who evidently intended to rob the station. Eyster was struck over the head with a stone drill and thrown upon the railroad track. When he was assaulted a train was in the block, but Eyster remained unconscious in time to save himself from death under the wheels.

BANKRUPTCY CASES CONSIDERED BY COURT

Special Session of United States Court Met at Montpelier Yesterday Afternoon—St. Albans Case First.

Montpelier, Dec. 1.—The special session of United States circuit court for the district of Vermont that was set by Judge J. L. Martin for Saturday afternoon was convened by him yesterday afternoon and will extend its sittings over Monday. Bankruptcy business occupied the court during the afternoon and evening.

In the case of the estate of the St. Albans Furniture company the bankrupt estate seeks to recover part of a claim allowed against the estate to O. R. Mason as salary for his services as manager. Bankruptcy business occupied the court during the afternoon and evening.

The other case heard yesterday was also from Franklin county. In the matter of L. J. Sanderson, bankrupt, the father, B. J. Sanderson, seeks to give back to him money paid by the bankrupt on certain notes signed by the father.

Last evening arguments were heard on a petition that seeks to have the life insurance policy of the bankrupt brought back into the estate.

AMERICA'S AMAZING PROSPERITY.

Sir Thomas Lipton Tells The British About It.

London, Dec. 1.—In an article in the Weekly Dispatch in which Sir Thomas Lipton, describes the amazing prosperity in every branch of American trade and commerce, he says such prosperity has not been known in any previous period of human industry. The wealth is not due to financial manipulation but to the amazing expansion of her solid industries.

BROKE THROUGH ICE.

Little Clarence Naramore Third Victim at Keene, N. H.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1.—While sliding upon the ice in the pool of water in Woodlawn cemetery, Clarence, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Naramore of this city, broke through and was drowned about noon yesterday. Two other boys who were with him were too young or too frightened to cry for help. This makes the third victim which the cemetery pool has claimed.

BRANDS STORY INCORRECT.

S. S. Gaines Denies That He Planned Reception to Bank Wrecker D. H. Lewis.

Vergennes, Dec. 1.—Concerning the report that S. S. Gaines, proprietor of the Stevens house, had planned to tender a reception to D. H. Lewis, former cashier of the wrecked Farmers' national bank, on the day the latter was released from prison, Mr. Gaines states that he does not understand how the story got abroad, as such a move was never contemplated by him.

GRANITEVILLE.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual fair Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 6 and 7, in Miller's hall. The usual articles will be for sale, also ice cream, coffee and cake. Admission, 10 cents. The Rev. W. C. McIntyre will preach at the Presbyterian church at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon.

OF STERLING QUALITIES.

Was Samuel Somerville, Respected Waterbury Citizen.

Waterbury, Dec. 1.—The funeral of Samuel Somerville, held at the church in South Duxbury, at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, was attended by relatives and friends from Waterbury, Montpelier and Barre. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The Rev. W. N. Roberts of Montpelier conducted the services and W. J. Rowe was in charge. Burial was at South Duxbury. Mr. Somerville, who died Wednesday of heart disease, was born in Fayston, May 19, 1834, and had lived in South Duxbury over 30 years. In 1856 he married Emmeline Kellogg, who died in 1873. In 1899 he married Eliza Hopkins who, with two sisters, Mrs. Isabel Smith of Fayston, and Mrs. Louise S. Watts of Waterbury, survive him. Active in the church of which he was a member, he was a man of sterling qualities, ever ready with a kind act, and his loss will be severely felt by all who knew him.

EXEMPTION FOR 10 YEARS.

Voted Van Camp Packing Company By St. Albans Citizens.

St. Albans, Dec. 1.—The voters of St. Albans showed their willingness to foster and encourage the establishing of new industries here by voting unanimously at the special city meeting last evening, to exempt from taxation for ten years, the plant and equipment of the Van Camp Packing company, which is rapidly carrying forward its new factory for the manufacture of condensed milk and cream. The plant which will employ from 50 to 75 men to start with and use 20 tons of milk a day, will be in active operation by April 1.

MISSING WOMAN BROUGHT HOME

Mrs. G. M. Cosgriff Left Burlington on Monday Evening and Was Located in Troy, N. Y.

Burlington, Dec. 1.—Mrs. G. M. Cosgriff, who mysteriously left this city last Monday evening, returned last evening on the 9:30 train with her husband, who left for Troy Thursday noon. She appeared in good health, but was very tired and weak, as she had been ill in Troy. There is no known reason for her leaving this city, except that she wished to visit her brother, Thomas Cosgriff of Clinton, N. Y. When Mrs. Cosgriff arrived in Troy on Tuesday morning she was ill and the train conductor directed her to the Fifth Avenue hotel where she remained that day. The next day she inquired for the Rev. Father John Welch of St. Peter's church in Troy and went to the hotel to see him. Father Welch placed her in a quiet boarding house and then wrote to Mr. Cosgriff, who immediately left for Troy upon receipt of the letter.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OPENED.

About The Average List for Pill and Powder Degree.

Burlington, Dec. 1.—The 45th annual session of the medical department of the university of Vermont was formally opened this afternoon with appropriate exercises in the large amphitheatre of the building. President Buchanan presided and addressed the students in a helpful talk and Dr. H. C. Tinkham, dean of the faculty made the usual announcements and the address to students was made by F. A. L. Lookhart of Montreal, one of the instructors in the department.

Secretary Florence L. White reports pretty nearly the number of students matriculated as a year ago, forty-five, and the year starts out with bright prospects for the college. The new building while partly occupied last term is now fully completed and all of the work will be done this year, there, leaving much time and labor much more convenient to all concerned. There are few changes in the faculty and there will be no change in the course of instruction except to make it fully as hard as formerly.

ORGANIZE NEXT WEEK.

State Board of Health to Arrange for the Year.

Burlington, Dec. 1.—The state board of health held its last meeting under its present organization at the City Hotel last evening. There were present Dr. C. S. Caverly of Rutland, Dr. Henry D. Holton of Brattleboro and the retiring member, Dr. T. R. Stiles of St. Johnsbury. During the afternoon, Dr. Holton visited the state laboratory of hygiene and Dr. Caverly left for their homes. It was expected that Dr. F. T. Kidder of Woodstock, the new member, would be present, but he was detained on account of illness. The board will meet for organization next week.

SWALLOWED MONEY.

But Benington Girl Finally Disgorged It and Recovered.

Benington, Dec. 1.—A little daughter of John H. Moore swallowed a ten-cent piece yesterday and gave her parents a bad scare. The child was found vomiting convulsively, but while Mr. Moore was hurrying for a doctor, the dime was dislodged from the child's throat, and the little one at once recovered.

GOES IN BANKRUPTCY.

S. N. Parker of Barre Has Liabilities of \$531; Assets \$500 Exempt.

Burlington, Dec. 1.—Two petitions in bankruptcy yesterday evening. Sheriff S. N. Parker of Barre, a harness maker, has liabilities of \$531 and assets of \$500, claimed exempt. William O'Brien of Rockingham has liabilities of \$683 and assets of \$302 of which \$134 is claimed exempt.

Appointed Judge Probate.

Proctor, Dec. 1.—Gov. F. D. Proctor yesterday appointed A. F. Schwene of Brattleboro judge of probate for the district of Marlboro to succeed E. L. Waterman, resigned to accept a State superior judgeship. Mr. Schwene was formerly register for this probate court.

WOMAN DEAD IN HER BED

Mrs. Marcene Aubin of Montpelier Kills Herself

BY TAKING POISON

Came to Barre on a Visit and After Departure of Her Host and Hostess For Burlington She Makes Way With Herself.

Dead by her own hand in all probability, the body of Marcene Aubin of Montpelier was found this afternoon at the home of Charles Brunelle on Farwell street, where she had come for a visit. The woman came to Barre the night before Thanksgiving. Later Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle went to Burlington for a visit, leaving Mrs. Aubin at their home. Dr. J. W. Jackson, who was called this afternoon, stated that the woman had probably taken poison. An autopsy will be performed.

The woman leaves a small child, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Octave Brunelle of 13 Mechanic street, Montpelier. Her husband died a year ago. When found the woman was lying in her bed and had apparently been dead for some time.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

A Scampini was in Ryegate on business today.

P. F. McCarthy was in Wells River on business yesterday.

Mrs. D. A. Peery is quite ill at her home on Franklin street.

J. Ford will leave next week for Italy to spend the winter.

Miss Colson, nurse, 50 Averill street, Barre, Vt., telephone 316-31.

John Broderick went to St. Johnsbury today on a visit with friends.

J. D. Vandow returned from a business visit to Burlington this morning.

Miss Ibbie Jean Renshaw of South Vergennes visited relatives in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Broderick went to St. Johnsbury today for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelley entertained friends from Waterbury at Thanksgiving.

Mr. Denison Mower of West Hill spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Henry.

A. Cadenazzi calves Monday for Switzerland, where he will spend the winter at his old home.

Mrs. Kimball Blanchard and daughter, Nellie, spent a delightful day with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Chas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Doten in Berlin.

Mrs. Tenney and children of South Vergennes are visiting at the home of Guy Merrill on Seminary street.

The International Correspondence school has an exhibit in the show window at the Scampini block.

Mrs. Fred Bero, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to her home in Keeseville, N. Y., yesterday.

Miss Helen McFarland, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. McDonald, returned to her home in Orange yesterday.

The amusement committee of the Odd Ladies will meet at Mrs. Murray's, 4 Orange street, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Connor of Boston are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Connor.

The Athena club will entertain their friends by giving a musicale at the home of Mrs. Hughes Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank La Fayette and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dupuy and family, and Mrs. J. J. McDonald, returned to their homes in Burlington yesterday.

C. P. Jones, janitor of the City hall, was out of doors today for the first time in five weeks, having been ill with a throat trouble, he believes, by breathing in the dust of the building of which he has charge.

Friends received word that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boule have moved from Newswater, N. H., to St. Louis, Mo., where they will make their home. Mrs. Boule will be remembered by friends here as Miss Elsie Newhall.

The proprietors of the Barre Emergency hospital at the home of the patients desire to thank the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for the beautiful Thanksgiving donations of fruit and flowers. This institution is greatly indebted to the ladies of this organization for their many acts of kindness shown the patients during the past year.

At a stated convocation of Mr. Zion Cunningham held in Montpelier last evening the Order of the Temple was conferred on two candidates and the Order of the Red Cross on one applicant. A number of visiting knights witnessed the work and attended the banquet that was served.

Chance and forced visitors to the city court today were treated to a fairly thorough kindness of H. W. Scott, who took up the duties of city judge. It was a case of justice being tempered with sweetness. There was also a box of excellent "seconds" for those who cared to put away on the indulgence of the judge. Needless to say, those who cared to do so were not few.

William Manson Brook, who was well known to many residents of Barre, died recently at his home in Aberdeen, Scotland. Mr. Brook was 69 years of age and had been a resident of Aberdeen for thirty years. He had seen considerable service in the British army and served during the Indian mutiny. Mr. Brook was well known to the granite trade, being one of the first to start hand polishing by piecework.

CHELSEA.

BARRE'S TOM THUMB NOW 31 YEARS OLD

Walter Freeman Stands Three Feet and Seven Inches Tall and Weighs 58 1/4 Pounds—Is a Sturdy Little Man.

Barre has a Lilliputian much after the kind made famous by Dean Swift in his "Voyage to Lilliput." His name is Walter Freeman and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Freeman, who reside on a farm a little distance east of the city.

Walter reached his 31st birthday this week, and he is a hearty, robust little man, sturdy and full of self-reliance. He makes frequent trips to town and is a favorite with all the clerks in the stores. The other day he consented to be measured up. A yardstick was stood on end and Walter was asked to stand up beside it. He looked disgusted and said with a sniff:

"Hub, that ain't tall enough."

And sure enough, it was not tall enough. The measurer had to add on seven inches before he reached the top of the Lilliputian's head, including a heavy growth of hair. That made him five feet, seven inches tall, which is over all. Then Walter climbed onto an ordinary set of scales, and the beam tipped at 58 1/4 pounds, making a weighty man for his size.

Walter is a keen one and won't stand for any jolly on account of his remarkable size. He is a bit of never-ending wonder to the town-people who tower around him as he walks independently down the street. More often he prefers to sit on the wagon seat, where he can look down on the people instead of being looked down upon. His parents are of the ordinary physical growth. Walter could easily draw a good salary as a Tom Thumb, but his people prefer to have him stay at home.

GIRL'S RASH ACT ALMOST FATAL

Bought Pint of Wood Alcohol and Then Went Home and Swallowed Two Ounces of the Liquid.

An attractive young woman went into one of the local drug stores late yesterday afternoon and bought a pint of wood alcohol. While making the purchase she asked with an acquaintance in the store and as she took the package, she was told that the stuff was poison. The bottle was also labeled "Poison."

On leaving the store she laughingly inquired, "How much of this would it take to kill a man?"

A short time after that there came a hurry call for a doctor from the place of the young lady's residence on Seminary street, and Dr. J. W. Jackson responded. When he arrived he found a young woman suffering the agonies of poisoning. The girl who had laughingly asked in the drug store how much alcohol it would take to kill a man, had gone directly home and swallowed a quantity of the poison. By prompt work her life was saved. Today she appears to be on the road to recovery. The doctor thinks that she must have swallowed about two ounces of the liquid.

That the girl was bent on making way with herself is apparent from the place where she had bought the alcohol. She was in a very despondent mood all day. By this time she probably has repeated of her rash act.

The girl was getting somewhat behind in her school work, and this with the added fact of her coming suffering with paralysis of the face, undoubtedly caused her to drink the wood alcohol.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Times and Places of Worship and Subjects of Sermons.

Universalist church. Morning subject, "Judging Others." Evening, illustrated lecture on "Scenes in the Lives of Samuel and Saul."

Congregational church. The pastor will conduct the services. Morning theme, "The Cure of Souls." Evening subject, "The People."

In the Presbyterian church the pastor will preach both morning and evening. A service of song, prayer and choir will be given during the evening worship.

Christian Science services tomorrow at 10:45 a. m.; Wednesday evening at 7:30; reading room open Tuesday, and Friday from 2 to 4 o'clock, at 7 Summer street.

At the Baptist church the pastor will preach morning and evening. The morning subject will be "Fishing for Men." The evening subject, "The Authority of Jesus."

At St. Monica's church: Children's mass at 9 o'clock; celebrant, Rev. P. M. McKenna; parish mass at 10:30 o'clock; celebrant, Rev. E. P. Carey; catechism, 3 p. m.; rosary and benedictions 4 p. m.; baptisms at 4 p. m.

Services at the Pentecostal church: Sabbath, 10 a. m., prayer meeting; 10:30 a. m., 7 p. m., prayer; Wednesday, Sabbath school, 12 m.; Wednesday and Saturday nights, meetings at 7 p. m. All are invited. Rev. L. K. Averill, pastor.

At the Methodist church: morning worship at 10:30; sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Last Prophet of the Old Testament." Bible school at 12 m. Epworth league at 5:45. Evening service at 7, subject, "The Last Miracle of Christ."

Let Sunday in Advent. Church of the Good Shepherd; Morning prayer, 9:45 a. m.; confirmation, holy communion and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7 p. m. The Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, bishop of Vermont, will be the preacher morning and evening.

The Salvation Army, 73 Main street, upstairs. Captain Ed. C. Jehu and Captain W. E. Gallagher, officers in charge; Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; praise service, 3 p. m.; salvation meeting, 7:30 p. m.; subject, 7:30, "Excuses That Don't Excuse," by Captain Gallagher. Testimonies and singing. Seats are comfortable, meetings cheerful. Special invitation extended to young men.

MOVING DAY FOR JUSTICE

City Judge H. W. Scott Steps Into Office While

JUDGE A. G. FAY STEPS OUT

New Interpreter of the Law in Relation to Local Cases Had as His First Case, an Alleged Breach of the Peace.

It was "moving day" in the Barre city court today. All day Judge Fay giving place as city judge to William Scott, who was appointed earlier in the week by Governor Proctor. Judge Fay was busy yesterday cleaning up the docket of the dead timber which has been accumulating ever since the court was instituted over ten years ago. He succeeded in getting about a dozen cases cleared up, and yet remain, however, 45 cases to be disposed of. It is not likely that many of them will be tried, and most will be left to litter the docket until the attorneys on the parties demand a new trial, so that the new judge's first case promises to be long drawn out. Sullivan was arrested by Patrolman Faulkner. The forenoon was spent in drawing a jury and the trial was started this afternoon.

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But one criminal case goes over from Judge Fay to Judge Scott, the result of the arrest of Con. Sullivan yesterday and his disposition last night to plead not guilty to the charge of breach of the peace. Judge Fay received this plea last night, but as his commission expired at midnight, Judge Scott was called upon to take up the case this morning. When the case was called this morning the respondent asked for a new trial, so that the new judge's first case promises to be long drawn out. Sullivan was arrested by Patrolman Faulkner. The forenoon was spent in drawing a jury and the trial was started this afternoon.

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